City of Cincinnati Urban Agriculture Program Application for Funding 2022

Due by Monday, November 15, 2021 by 5:00 p.m.



PROGRAM CRITERIA AND FUNDING GUIDELINES

Funds are available for urban agriculture production/growing sites and aggregated distribution sites. There are also funds available for land acquisition and / or development of agriculture gardens or farms or pocket parks with edible landscaping. New sites will be required to maintain the garden, farm, or pocket park for at least two years. Please see below for the details regarding the different types of sites and eligible costs.

The location of the growing site or aggregation/distribution site must be within the City of Cincinnati. The City will make random site visits. Soil testing for lead is strongly recommended and may be required depending on your project.

Grants are not made to individuals. Applicants can be non-profit organizations or for-profit corporations. Other entities may be considered. If accepted to receive funds, the organization is required to register, at no cost, as a vendor with the City and will need to provide a W-9 form. If you are a CPS Teacher, please list your school information on the application; however, you will be working directly with CPS BOE grant management personnel as well if you are awarded funds.

Items that are eligible for funding at AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION/GROWING (Garden or Farm) sites:

- Site Improvement (e.g., soil testing, soil, compost, cover crops, etc.)
- Growing needs (e.g., plants, seeds, tools, hoses, beds, beehives, etc.)
- Infrastructure (e.g., water access, fencing, season extenders, benches, walkways, etc.)
- Land acquisition (expansion to or purchase of a new site*)

Items that are eligible for funding at AGRICULTURAL AGGREGATED DISTRIBUTION sites:

- Infrastructure/Equipment (e.g., racking/shelving, pallet jack, plastic pallets, reusable crates, packing material, forklift, large dollies, etc.)
- Supplies (e.g., storage containers, liners, carts, tables, scales, bags, etc.)
- Marketing Materials (e.g., postcard mailers, local food stickers and magnets, truck decals, signage, social/print/radio ads, etc.)

Funds may be used only for eligible expenses dating from January 1, 2022 thru June 30, 2022. Tax is not reimbursed.

For some infrastructure activities, prevailing wage may apply- the City will work with you regarding this.

PROGRAM TIMETABLE	
Applications Due	Monday, November 15, 2021 by 5:00 PM
Award notification	By December 15, 2021
Expense Period allowed for reimbursement*	January 1, 2022 – June 30, 2022
Deadline to submit all invoices	August 1, 2022 by 5:00 p.m.
Final Report due to OES	August 1, 2022

^{*}Some new site projects may be subject to a different reimbursement process and timeline.

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